

REMARKS

Applicants are amending page 1, first paragraph of the specification, to update the cross-reference to related applications.

Applicants are proposing to add drawing Figures 1-3 to the application. These figures are already referenced in the specification and, as discussed below, are fully supported and are not believed to constitute new matter to the present application. Each of Figures 1-3 is discussed briefly below.

Figure 1 is a flow diagram and is referenced on pages 11 and 12 of the specification. In addition, this figure is closely mapped to applicants' claims, especially independent claim 1 and its dependent claims. These claims are directed to a publishing system including a middleware system, a plurality of front-end clients, and a server. Each of the elements depicted in Figure 1, as well as their overall architecture of the depicted system, is recited in applicants' written description and claims. Accordingly, applicants' undersigned representative respectfully submits that no new matter would be added to the application by inclusion of claim 1.

Figure 2 is generally referenced on pages 11-15 of the specification. In addition, this figure is substantially similar to the figure depicted in Section 2.2, entitled "Architecture Overview", in the document entitled "Adobe InDesign *Integration with News Content Manager – Hermes*," which is cited as document No. 13, on page 17 of applicants' specification. A copy of this document is attached hereto. This document was also cited and incorporated by reference into applicants' provisional application. Accordingly, applicants' undersigned representative respectfully submits that the addition of this figure would not constitute new matter with respect to the present application.

Figure 3 is similar to Figure 2 in that it is taken from the above-cited document entitled "Adobe InDesign *Integration with News Content Manager – Hermes*." This figure is taken from Section 2.2.2. entitled "Copy-driven Workflow." This figure is also referenced in applicants' specification in the pages recited above. Accordingly, applicants' undersigned representative respectfully submits that the addition of Figure 3 to the present application would not constitute new matter.

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Applicants' undersigned representative respectfully requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner should the Examiner have any questions or concerns. Applicants' undersigned representative can be contacted directly at 206.332.1384.

Respectfully submitted,

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